

WEST VIRGINIA TEAM TRIMS WESLEYAN 29-28

STATE FLOOR TEAM PLAYS GREAT GAME

First Game of Championship Series is Won by Mountaineers by a Close Score.

BUCKHANNON, Feb. 26.—In the most brilliant game ever played in Buckhannon in which the last few minutes furnished the most thrills of all, West Virginia University triumphed over Wesleyan by the extremely narrow margin of one point, the final result being 29-28 in favor of the Mountaineers.

The contest was a thriller from start to finish, and especially in the second half the big crowd, estimated at one thousand persons, was almost continuously on its feet. Rodgers, for West Virginia, brought first blood with a sensational shot when apparently well guarded under the basket, and a little later, Morrison, for the same

turned in the points that reversed the score from 28-27 in favor of Wesleyan to 29-28 in favor of West Virginia, and before the referee could again toss up the ball the whistle sounded and West Virginia had won.

Ten minutes after play started in the second half Morrison shot the basket that tied the score at twenty-four, and the gymnasium was temporarily converted into a bedlam when order was restored Jacobs again registered, putting Wesleyan two points to the good. Another foul by Morrison boosted the margin three points but a field goal by Tuckwiler again reduced the margin to one point. Another foul put Wesleyan back to its two point lead but one for West Virginia again reduced it.

It was at this juncture and with less than ten seconds to play that Steadman scored and the game was over.

The guarding of Beck and Daniels was sensational and the all round playing of Shumaker, Jacobs and Morrison in working the ball up the floor was fine.

For West Virginia, the whole team showed extremely well in the first ten minutes but following this spurt the excellent defense work of W. Morrison and Tuckwiler was the only outstanding feature.

Tonight's game was the best ever seen here. A special train carried a large crowd of rooters from Weston.

The second game of the big series will be played at Morgantown Monday night. The lineup and summary:

Wesleyan—28. West Virginia—29. Shumaker Rodgers, (Capt.) Forward.

Jacobs, (Capt.) Latterner Forward.

G. Morrison Ice Center.

Daniels W. Morrison Guard.

Beck Steadman Guard.

Substitutions—Tuckwiler for Latterner, Colebank for W. Morrison.

Disqualified for personal fouls—W. Morrison.

Field goals—Shumaker 2, Jacobs 2, G. Morrison 5, Rodgers 3, Latterner 2, Ice 4, Steadman 1, Tuckwiler 1.

Foul goals—G. Morrison 10 out of 16, Rodgers 1 out of 5, W. Morrison 6 out of 10.

Score at end of first half—West Virginia 21, Wesleyan 15.

Referee—Davis, Carnegie Tech.

Scorer—Vance.

Timer—Kellison.

RELEASED

Are Five Philadelphia American Baseball Players by Connie Mack, Manager.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, tonight announced the release of five players. They are Pitcher Harry Eccles and Shortstop Harry C. Seibold, who go to the Wheeling Central League team; Pitcher Wilbur Divas to the Atlanta Southern League; Pitcher Walter Anken, Asheville, N. C.; and Harry Damrau, a third baseman, to Raleigh, N. C.



EVERETT ROGERS, West Virginia Forward, Whose Playing was a feature of the West Virginia Wesleyan Game.

team, added another on a foul.

Wesleyan then scored when Shumaker, by brilliant dribbling and a beautiful shot carried the ball down to Wesleyan's basket. G. Morrison, for Wesleyan, then added another on a foul but from here West Virginia, by its most brilliant spurt of the entire game forged far to the front and when ten minutes of the game had gone had run up a total of sixteen points to Wesleyan's six. Wesleyan's men and Wesleyan's rooters had become almost desperate and the team came back in magnificent shape through the two nice shots by Morrison and one each by Shumaker and Jacobs. G. Morrison, for Wesleyan, had also added four more by the foul route, making Wesleyan's total for the first half fifteen to twenty-one for West Virginia.

The spurt that West Virginia took at the beginning of the game really spelled defeat for the Orange and Black. The locals played as though bewildered by the shoots and swift passing of West Virginia, and the accurate shooting of Latterner, Rodgers and Ice.

The first half showed eight field goals for West Virginia to five for Wesleyan. Wesleyan apparently hit its stride after the first ten minutes of the game and from then through out the rest of the game had West Virginia at its mercy.

FEDERAL LEAGUE MAGNATES MEET

To Wind Up Affairs of That League but Postpone Obsequies Three Weeks.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Magnates of the Federal league, assembled here to wind up its affairs, decided tonight to postpone the obsequies for three weeks, when action to clear up the small indebtedness remaining will be taken. Inability of Ed Gwimer, of the Pittsburgh club, to be present, was assigned as the reason for the postponement.

The sale of four players was announced. The Chicago Nationals bought Eugene Packard, the left-handed pitcher with the Kansas City Cardinals last year for \$10,000. Nick Allen, catcher, and Shorer, outfielder, with Newark last season, were sold to the Milwaukee American Association Club and Pitcher Miles Main, last year with the Kansas City Federals, was sold to the St. Paul club of the association.

George Stovall, manager of the Kansas City Federals, met the Federal League club owners and received assurance from Harry Sinclair and the others that "he would be taken care of." It was reported that a place would be found for Stovall in one of the big leagues.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Timme, of Milwaukee; Norton, of St. Paul; and Canillon, of Minneapolis, talked with Charles Wegmann, of the Cubs, about the future of Roger Bresnahan and the proposed transfer of the Cleveland association to Toledo, but the result of the conference was not announced.

James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League hinted during the night that the players' fraternity might put to test the legality of the system under which organized baseball is conducted and that there was a possibility of a players' strike before the season of 1916 is well under way. He said that the Federal League had asked for the league's documentary exhibit in the Sherman law suit recently dismissed by Judge Landis.

BRESNAHAN

May Secure Cleveland American League Franchise and Move Back to Toledo.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—American Association magnates gathered here today enroute to their homes from the Columbus and Cleveland meetings, but held no formal session, and so far as known, took no further steps regarding the future of the team which represented Cleveland last year. One club owner, however, said the whole question would be settled in a few days and it was believed among baseball men here that Roger Bresnahan would take over the franchise and move it to Toledo, with Charles Thomas an important associate. John Ganzel said he had given up hope of getting the club. Bresnahan, it was reported, was to interview the magnates here, but all said they had not seen him.

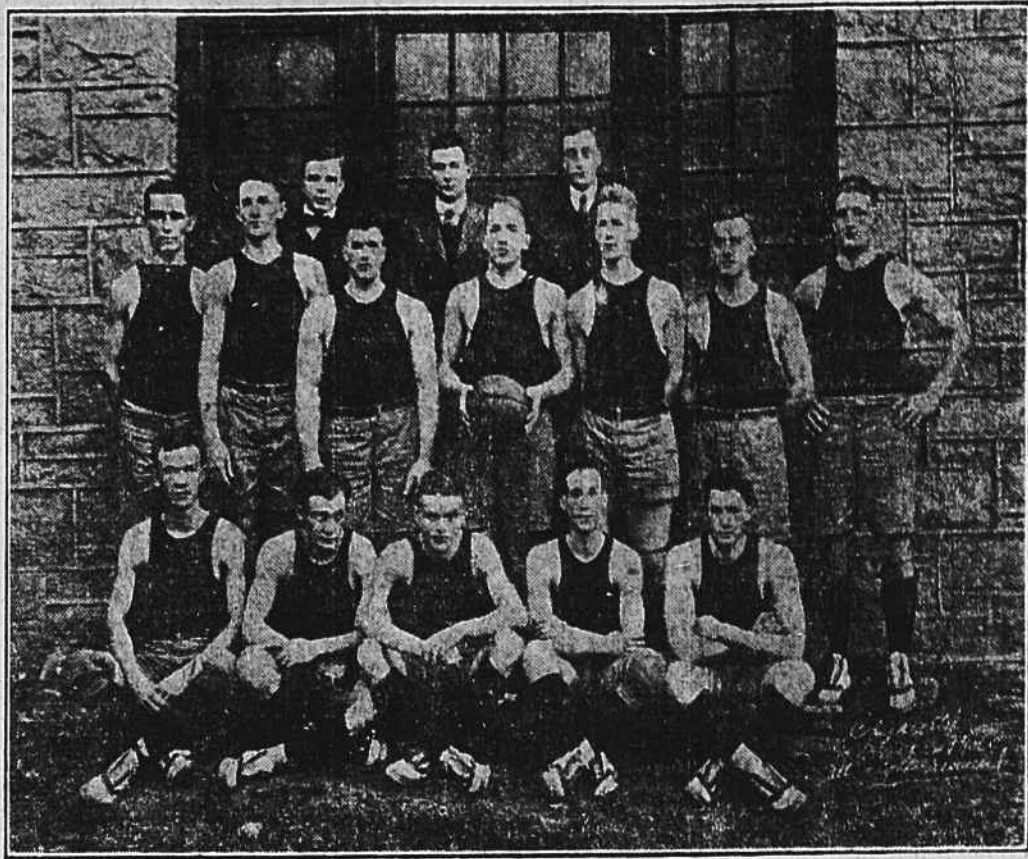
MIXED RESULTS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Columbia University defeated the University of Pennsylvania in a dual swimming meet here tonight by thirty points to 23. The visitors won the water polo contest 18 to 7. Columbia also defeated the Pennsylvanians in a fencing meet six bouts to three.

SEASON OPENS APRIL 14.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 26.—The Southern Baseball Association adopted a schedule tonight opening the present season April 14. The season will end September 9.

West Virginia's Team That Defeated Wesleyan



Front row, left to right: Tuckwiler, Steadman, Rodgers, Morrison. Second row: Colebank, Ice, Rodgers, Hite, Captain; Steadman, Loud in King. Back row: Phillips, manager; Ice, coach; W. A. Price, assistant coach.

MINOR CHANGES MADE IN FOOTBALL CODE FOR 1916

At Conference of Inter-Collegiate Football Rules Committee Held in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—No radical changes will be incorporated in the football code for 1916, as the result of the two day conference of the inter-collegiate football rules committee which closed here today. The suggestion to make a mandatory rule requiring all players to wear numbers in each game was only casually discussed, and no formal vote was taken on the proposition, according to Walter Camp, secretary of the committee.

Opposition to the scheme from a number of the large eastern and middle western university coaches is understood to have developed. The claim was made that to number the players would destroy the strategic value of the game, since scouts from rival colleges could easily solve the complicated offensive and defensive moves built around certain players if the chief factors were plainly identified by numbers.

The rules in general, however, were gone over carefully and a number of changes made both in phraseology and in substance. Among the more important was the change from a ten to fifteen yards penalty for a foul committed against a player about to make a fair catch of a forward pass. The committee also ruled that where a team is late in appealing for the second half of the game, the offended side shall have choice of goals; made it allowable to bat ball on punt as well as forward pass, but decided that an opponent may not run into the catcher except in bonafide attempt to catch or bat ball.

The task of codifying rules to meet conditions in certain restricted playing fields was left to the editor of the rules book following certain general lines laid down by the committee. It was also decided that leaping back of a team mate in order to receive a forward pass was legitimate, provided the man with his feet on the ground did not aid the catcher by advancing. Another change makes it allowable for a player to push an opponent out of the way in order to secure a kicked ball which by fumbling has become a free ball.

It was further ruled that a guard, center or tackle to be eligible to receive a forward pass must be at the end of the line of scrimmage when the ball is put into play. In the case of a receiver of such a pass standing with one foot on or over the side line and touching the ball which then bounds into the field of play, the ball is ruled out of bounds.

It was decided that a foul committed by a defending side behind its own goal line which deprives of an opportunity to secure a free ball, shall result in a touchdown for the offended team. If, however, the foul is committed while the ball is in the air, the penalty shall be a safety.

Where the defending side makes an uncompleted forward pass from behind its own goal line on the first, second or third down which is grounded behind the line or hits goal posts or bar, it shall count as a safety; on the fourth down it goes to the opponents at the point of scrimmage. A forward pass made by attacking team on first, second or third downs hitting goal posts or bar, becomes a touchback; on fourth down goes to opposing eleven at point of scrimmage.

HARVARD WINS.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 26.—The Harvard University wrestling team defeated the Springfield College men here tonight 19 to 12. Harvard secured three falls and a decision to Springfield's three decisions.

TWENTY-EIGHT TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

VOLUME

Of Valuable Information for Baseball Fans Published by Baseball Magazine.

The Baseball Magazine, of New York, has just published a pocket size book of star players' records containing age, height, weight, birthplace, positions played, and batting averages for entire career of 208 present day star baseball players. Besides including the trades and sales every player has participated in, the book gives complete pitchers' records for each star pitcher's entire career. It is the first thing of its kind in book form and is so accurate that it deserves the name the publishers have given it—may now be obtained from the publishers and there will be a newstand the book of final resort of past performances of star players. The book edition released March 20.

KINSELLA RETAINS TITLE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Walter Kinsella, national professional squash tennis champion, successfully defended his title here today, defeating Stephen J. Peron, professional of the Harvard Club, in straight games in the second series of their match. Today's scores were 15-7, 15-3, 15-4.

WOOD SAYS KINK HAS LEFT HIS ARM



Joe Wood, the smoke-ball king, of the Boston Red Sox, believes the final kink has left his arm and that he will be ready to pick up in 1916 where he left off in 1912. Joe is only twenty-six years old.

Buckhannon Will Have to Take Care of More Than 1,000 Visitors for Two Days.

Two weeks from yesterday and today the state high school basketball tournament will bring to Buckhannon the largest crowd of visitors the town has ever entertained. From all present indications there will be approximately three hundred players, coaches and managers connected with the various teams. Twenty-eight teams are expected, according to the announcement and each team will be composed of from seven to ten players in addition to a coach and manager. That the number of spectators will more than double the number of those actively engaged in the tournament is putting it very conservatively and Buckhannon and Wesleyan will apparently be under the necessity of entertaining one thousand visitors through the entire two days of the tournament.

Must Take Care of Players. Of course the players must be taken care of first and to this end accommodations for fifteen of the teams entire have been engaged at the two leading hotels, and now the athletic authorities are engaged in a thorough canvass of the town to secure additional rooms for those who will compose the teams. The Wesleyan track house will entertain last year's championship team, Charleston, and one other team which is yet to be decided upon, and four private houses owned and occupied by prominent citizens have been secured and in each of these a team will be placed. The problem of feeding the players is not such a large one as arrangements are under way whereby the domestic science departments of Wesleyan College and Buckhannon high school will have charge of the overflow from the regular hotels and automobile service will be maintained to carry the players to and from their meals.

Both Hotels Filled. Both the leading local hotels advise that they have been refusing to receive rooms for out of town people for weeks as their entire capacity is engaged either by their regular trade, the high school teams or the earlier reservations. There is some talk of operating regular daily special train service between this city and Weston for the benefit of those spectators who are unable to secure accommodations here and inasmuch as the Weston high school team will be entered and that point is conveniently located on the trolley line this would meet with a great deal of favor.

Sale of Tickets. The sale of tickets for the tournament will begin next week and from all present indications the supply will be totally inadequate. The Wesleyan gymnasium is rated for a capacity of about one thousand people, but the largest known crowd to be jammed in it was 200 at last year's tournament. In spite of glowing claims to the contrary this is the largest seating capacity of any hall in the state and when 350 is subtracted from this total to account for the seating of the players at the last night's games and for newspaper representatives, it can be seen that but 550 tickets can be sold. This number will have to take care of Wesleyan's student body, the Buckhannon townspeople with their own enthusiasm over their own strong team, and the hundreds of visitors from the thirty or more towns which will be represented.

FAIRMONT HIGH WINS CONTEST

From Washington Irving High School Team by Score of 38 to 24.

The Fairmont high school basketball team turned the tables on the Washington Irving high school team Saturday night when it defeated the local boys in a fast, roughly-played game on the Washington Irving gymnasium floor by a score of 38 to 24. The Washington Irving boys trimmed the Fairmont team on the Fairmont floor several weeks ago.

The game was delayed about ten minutes in getting started as the Fairmont coach objected to "Midge" Williams refereeing the game and wanted a Fairmont man to referee on one-half of the game and Williams the other half.

Professor McConkey, president of the Monongahela Valley High School Basketball League was brought into the argument and he ruled that according to the league ruling if the Fairmont team wanted an official it would have to give a two days' notice and as it had not given any notice they were not entitled to an official.

The Fairmont coach said he would not play the game if he did not get an official and it looked for a while like the large crowd which had assembled to witness the old-time rivals clash would be disappointed, but at this point it was learned that Clay B. Hite, captain of the West Virginia University basketball five was in the audience and as both teams agreed upon him as a referee, the game was started at once and while his refereeing did not suit all, he called a

fair and impartial game. The only mistake he made was in allowing both teams to play too rough a game.

The Fairmont team took the lead early in the game and were never headed off by the local boys who did not play their usual good game. Not being used to playing a rough and tumble game they were lost on the floor, playing individual ball instead of trying to get their team work going. In the last few minutes of play Captain Dawson got his team going and closed the gap between the two teams considerably, but the game ended before they had time to get within striking distance of the Fairmont team.

The Fairmont team played a rough fast game, taking every advantage of



CLAY B. HITE, Captain West Virginia University Basketball Five, and One of West Virginia's Most Popular Athletes, who refereed the game.

their weight against their lighter opponents. Knight and Hamilton were the star performers for the Fairmont team.

The line-up and summary:

W. I. H. S. Fairmont. Bailey Knight Forward.

Morrison Hamilton Forward.

Reed Meredith Center.

Dawson Hawkins Guard.

Ervin Wilson Guard.

Substitutions: Washington Irving—Peck for Bailey, Coulson for Morrison.

Field goals: Washington Irving, Morrison 1 out of 3; Dawson 5, Fairmont, Knight 5; Hamilton 5; Hawkins 4; Wilson 2.

Foul goals—Washington Irving, Dawson 1 out of 3; Ervin 0 out of 4; Peck 3 out of 6. Fairmont—Knight 6 out of 13.

Referee—Hite, West Virginia. Timer—Shields.

Scorer—Coughlin.

Time of periods—20 minutes each.

MOUNTAIN CLIMB RACE.

A spectacular auto race has been suggested for the coming season. It is proposed to give substantial purses and prizes for a series of races up the mountain side to the top of Pikes Peak in Colorado. The new motor highway to the top has been completed and the mountain climb races are suggested as a special feature of the opening of the course.

ROUGH GAME

Won by Wesleyan's Reserves from West Virginia Reserves by Score of 23 to 15.

BUCKHANNON, Feb. 26.—Wesleyan's reserves won a rough and tumble battle from the West Virginia Reserves here tonight, in a preliminary to the big game between the varsity teams, by the score of 23-15. The first half closed 8-5 and this indicates the character of the game. For Wesleyan, King, Thurman and Ward, played well, while Wells and Leatherwood, were in the limelight for the West Virginia University scrubs. The score:

Wesleyan—23. West Va.—15. Merrells Cheneweth Forward.

King Leatherwood Forward.

Thurman Trotter Center.

Hall Colebank Guard.

Ward Kerens Guard.

Substitutions: Curtis for Ward, Swager for Colebank, Wells for Leatherwood.

Field goals—Merrells, 2; King, 4; Thurman, 3; Cheneweth, 1; Trotter, 1; Kerens, one; Wells, 2.

Foul goals: Thurman, 5 out of 13; Leatherwood, 3 out of 8; Wells, 2 out of 3.

Referee—Lanham.

Scorer—Vance.

Timer—Kellison.

WILLARD IN PERFECT PHYSICAL CONDITION

SHOT PUT RECORD

Shattered by Arlie Mucks, of Wisconsin University at Urbana, Ill., Saturday.

URBANA, Ill., Feb. 26.—Arlie Mucks, of Wisconsin, broke the Western Conference shot put record today with a heave of 48 feet 7 inches in a dual indoor meet which the Badgers won from Illinois 44 to 42, by winning the relay. The best previous "big nine" record with the shot was made by Ralph Rose, of Michigan, who on June 4, 1904, was credited with a put of 47 feet one-fourth inch. Rose's record was made outdoors.

PRINCETON WINS.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 26.—Princeton's swimmers defeated the Brown team here tonight 48 to 8.

sented by their teams in the tournament.

Get Tickets Early. About the best possible advice that can be given out from here is that unless those from a distance have arrangements made for their tickets in advance they need not come. Wellsburg alone has already written for forty tickets to take care of their supporters and several others of the towns have made requests for tickets.

The sale will be handled by the Wesleyan athletic authorities and season tickets good for the entire number of games (thirty or more) will be sold for \$5 each, or for about seven cents per game. No tickets for single sessions will be sold except at the doors of the gymnasium. Mail orders for tickets will be filled here by the athletic director, H. A. Stansbury.

Was Examined by a Physician for New York State Athletic Commission Saturday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion, was examined by a physician for the New York State Athletic Commission Saturday, and pronounced in perfect physical condition. Fully dressed, he tipped the scales at 272½ pounds. Willard said that his clothes weighed ten pounds.

It was explained that Willard's weight and condition were of interest to the commission, which desired to be convinced that the public was being fairly treated in connection with the heavyweight's coming champion. The rules in general, however, were the same as in the past. The commission summoned Willard, Tex Rickard and others to appear before it on Monday with all the contracts and agreements for examination and approval.

STATE RIFLE TEAM

Continue to Make Good Scores in Inter-Collegiate Rifle Matches.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Perfect scores of 1,000 were made again this week by teams representing Washington State College and Michigan Agricultural College in the intercollegiate rifle matches being conducted by the National Rifle Association. This week's college scores are: Washington State and Michigan Agricultural 1,000 each; Norwich and Massachusetts Agricultural 968 each; West Virginia 998, Notre Dame and Cornell 994 each, Iowa State and University of Pennsylvania 991 each, Michigan 989, Illinois 988, and Princeton 984.